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## REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present claims, in light of the attached claim clarifications and the Remarks, which follow, is respectfully requested.

Claims now before the Examiner are 1-4 and 6-21.

Support for the amendment to claim 21 may be found at page 6, lines 27-28.

The numbering in this Response will correspond to the numbering in the Examiner's

action.

Restriction Under 35 USC § 121

1. & 2. Applicant acknowledges the Finality of the Restriction Requirement. Further, Applicant has decided to exercise Option 1 outlined in the latest Action, that is to include a mineral oil element in claims 10 and 15. Applicant is unsure of the Examiner's intention stated at the end of Option 1 "If desired, refile present claims 10-21 as a continuation." If the Examiner intended that the claims should be so modified AND

refiled, Applicant respectfully requests clarification.

3. Applicant acknowledges the Allowability of claims 1-9.

4. & 5. No response necessary.

The Examiner's points have been addressed.

All the claims are in condition for allowance.

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